**What is a UN Resolution?**

**Read the information below and use it to fill in the grid that follows:**

A UN resolution has three main sections. The heading shows the countries that propose the Resolution. The countries that propose the resolution are called the sponsors. The second part of the resolution is the perambulatory section. This is the part of the document that explains why the resolutions are important. It will often identify the problem, past UN actions, and past UN documents. Every perambulatory clause begins with a perambulatory phrase. The final, and most important part of the resolution is the operative section. This is where the UN document makes recommendations to the global community about what actions the sponsors believe should be taken. Every operative clause begins with an operative phrase.

**Define the following terms:**

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|  | **Explain what this term is using a complete sentence:** | **Pick ONE word to think of when trying to remember what this term means:** |
| **UN Resolution** | A document that makes a recommendation for a global issue. | Recommendation  Solution  Proposal |
| **Heading** | The section of a resolution where the sponsors are listed. | Names  Sponsors |
| **Sponsors** | The countries that recommend/support a resolution. | Names  Supporters  Leaders |
| **Perambulatory section** | The section of the resolution that explains why the actions are important. | Explanation  Rationale  Reason  Beginning  Introduction |
| **Operative section** | The section of the resolution that suggest actions. | Actions |

**Analyze a real Resolution**

In 2001, the General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution that said that September 21st would be the International Day of Peace.[[1]](#footnote-1) Every year, people around the world and governments are encouraged to make peace in large ways and small ways. In areas where there is fighting, the resolution recommends that the fighting stop for that day.

Read each statement from the resolution and determine if it from the perambulatory or operative section of the document:

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| *1* | *Recalling* that the promotion of peace, both at an international and a national level, is among the main purposes of the United Nations, in conformity with its Charter, | \_\_X\_ Perambulatory  \_\_\_ Operative |
| *2* | *Declares* that the third Tuesday of September, the opening day of the regular session of the General Assembly, shall be officially dedicated and observed as the International Day of Peace and shall be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples; | \_\_\_ Perambulatory  \_\_X\_ Operative |
| 3 | *Invites* all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, peoples and individuals to commemorate in an appropriate manner the International Day of Peace, especially through all means of education, and to co-operate with the United Nations in the observance of that Day. | \_\_\_ Perambulatory  \_\_X\_ Operative |
| 4 | *Further recalling* that, on the basis of similar considerations, the General Assembly established the United Nations University in l972 and, more specifically, the University for Peace in l980, and entrusted other organs and organizations of the United Nations system with the promotion of peace, mainly through  education in all its aspects, | \_X\_\_ Perambulatory  \_\_\_ Operative |

1. The full resolution can be found here: http://www.un-documents.net/a36r67.htm [↑](#footnote-ref-1)